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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS UNITED STATES WANTS CANADA IN JOINT ENERGY
CONTINGENCY PLAN

1. NOVEMBER 15 TORONTO STAR CARRIES PROMINENT ARTICLE
(BRUCE GARVEY) STATING THAT U.S. "IS PREPARING ENERGY
CONTINGENCY PLANS THAT INCLUDE A JOINT APPROACH WITH
CANADA TO COMBAT WINTER FUEL SHORTAGES." GARVEY
CONTINUES THAT "HIGHLY PLACED SOURCES HERE (WASHINGTON)
YESTERDAY SAID SUCH PLANS INCLUDE A SIMULTANEOUS AND
IDENTICAL SYSTEM OF RATIONING GAS FOR MOTORISTS."

2. ARTICLE REPORTS, HOWEVER, THAT ENERGY MINISTER
MACDONALD, BEFORE A COMMONS COMMITTEE, HAS "INDICATED
THERE WERE NO PLANS FOR JOINT SUPPLY OR RATIONING
PROGRAMS," WHILE CONCEDING THERE MIGHT BE DIFFICULTIES
IN BORDER CITIES IF U.S. HAD RATIONING AND CANADA DID
NOT. HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE WOULD BE RELUCTANT
TO PUT RESTRICTIONS ON CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC, BUT WE
WOULD NOT WANT THE GOOD PEOPLE OF SARNIA, FOR EXAMPLE,
TO SUFFER AS A RESULT OF ANY RAIDING OF THEIR GAS
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STATIONS BY MOTORISTS FROM PORT HURON, MICHIGAN."

3. ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS THAT SENATOR MONDALE HAS
INTRODUCED LEGISLATION--IN FORM OF AMENDMENT TO THE
NATIONAL ENERGY EMERGENCY ACT--WHICH WOULD "ORDER"
THE PRESIDENT TO "ENGAGE IN EMERGENCY NEGOTIATIONS
WITH CANADA FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL OIL POLICY."
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